

T-638  
Thomas Carey House  
St. Michaels  
private

c. 1890

The construction of this two-story, stepped profile house is credited to Thomas E. and Annie E. Carey, who purchased this North Talbot Street property in 1889 from John and Angeline Hambleton for \$160. The transfer price suggests that no improvements were included with the sale. Thomas Carey occupied the house until his death in 1925, and his widow, Annie, sold the lot to Royce R. Spring of Talbot Fuel Company in 1936. The modest sized dwelling was erected along a stepped profile which was popular at the time. The two main sections were built together with a single-story one-room kitchen to the rear. The exterior and interior surfaces were fitted with conventional period features.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THOMAS CAREY HOUSE

and/or common THOMAS SERVICE CENTER

### 2. Location

street & number 211 North Talbot Street \_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels \_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
____ district	____ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	____ agriculture	____ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	____ unoccupied	____ commercial	____ park
____ structure	____ both	____ work in progress	____ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
____ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	____ entertainment	____ religious
____ object	____ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	____ government	____ scientific
	____ being considered	____ yes: unrestricted	____ industrial	____ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	____ no	____ military	____ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mosner

street & number 211 North Talbot Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas Carey house, now known as the Thomas Service Center, stands at 211 North Talbot Street at the northern end of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame structure faces west with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1890, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south end of the main block is a shorter two-story, two-bay frame wing, and to the rear is a single story service wing. The structure has been used for the last fifty years as a service station or a boat supply dealership.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and flanking three-part picture window. The door is a replacement. Lighting the second floor are three four-over-four sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The north gable end of the main block is partially covered by a single-story, concrete block service bay. The upper gable is a blind asbestos shingle wall, and a stuccoed brick stack protrudes through the gable end. The eaves are slightly extended.

The south end of the main house is covered largely by a shorter two-story, two-bay frame wing that was erected at the same time as the main block. The first floor of the wing is covered by a shed roofed section that is used for display. The second floor is lighted by a pair of four-over-four sash windows, however, one window has been removed during the renovation under progress. A stuccoed brick stack rises through the gable end. The south end of the wing is covered by a single story metal garage bay.

The interior is under an extensive remodeling that has included a gutting of old plaster and lath. Surviving in the main block is a heavily turned newel post, turned balusters, and a molded handrail. Shallow profile four-panel doors survive as well. Exposed at the time of survey was the mortise-and-tenon construction, circular sawn lumber, and butt-jointed rafter ends.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Thomas Carey house is a modest late nineteenth-century frame dwelling that was built along a standard stepped profile which was popular during the nineteenth century. The two main sections were built together with a single story one-room kitchen to the rear (west). The exterior and interior surfaces were finished in a conventional manner with typical period features. The house has served as a commercial property since 1936.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The construction of this two-story, stepped profile house is credited to Thomas E. and Annie E. Carey, who purchased this North Talbot Street property in 1889 from John and Angeline Hambleton for \$160. (111/351) The transfer price suggests no improvements were included on the property. Thomas Carey occupied the house until his death in 1925, and two years later Annie E. Carey sold the lot to Royce R. Spring of the Talbot Fuel Company. (236/546)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-638

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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YEAR: 1965 VOL: 404 PAGE: 198

FROM: Sinclair Refining Co. PRICE:

TO: R. Eugene Rude

NOTES Begins at a mark on Talbot Street at the boundary of Perry Cabin Farm. With Talbot Street S 24 31' E 93.8 feet to the NW corner of Kimbal (formerly John Hambleton); then N 66 22' E 156.87 feet to Fogg (Perry Cabin); with Fogg N 82 59' W 184 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed to Sherwood Brothers (merged with Sinclair, 1955) 1944, 259/203.

YEAR: 1944 VOL: 259 PAGE: 203

FROM: Royce R. Spring and Harriet D. Spring PRICE:

TO: Sherwood Brothers, Inc.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Spring by County Trust Co. 1936, 236/546.

YEAR: 1936 VOL: 236 PAGE: 546

FROM: County Trust Co. PRICE:

TO: Royce R. Spring (Talbot Fuel Company)

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Citizens' Bank of Eastern Shore Trust Co. (County Trust Co.) by Anne E. Carey 1927, 213/24.

YEAR: 1927 VOL: 213 PAGE: 24

FROM: Annie E. Carey PRICE:

TO: Citizens' Bank of Eastern Shore Trust Co.

NOTES Begins at a stone near where a bridge was formerly located on the main road (now Talbot Street). Run East with the South side of a ditch 186 feet to a lot of John S. Hambleton; West with Hambleton 157'6" to Talbot Street; then North with Talbot Street 92 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed by John S. Hambleton to Thomas E. Carey and Anna E. Carey 1889, 111/351. Thomas Carey died in 1925.

YEAR: 1889 VOL: 111 PAGE: 351

FROM: John S. Hambleton and Angeline D. PRICE: \$160

TO: Thomas E. Carey and Annie E. Carey

NOTES Same description as 1927, 213/24.

Conveyed to John S. Hambleton by Board of County School Commissioners 1871, 77/71.

YEAR: 1871 VOL: 77 PAGE: 71

FROM: School Commissioners of Talbot County PRICE: \$350

TO: John S. Hambleton

NOTES Begins at a stone at the roadside near a bridge across the main road just below the town of St. Michaels. Run East of said road along the South side of a ditch to a stone set near the marsh; then southward from said stone to the lots formerly owned by Jeremiah Harrison in the town of St. Michaels; then with said lots westward to the main road; with the main road to the beginning. Supposed to contain one acre of land more or less.

Same land the Board of County School Commissioners obtained from Rachel A. Dodson, Edward Willey, and Oliver Harrison Trustees of the Primary School of St. Michaels by Act of the General Assembly of Maryland at its regular session of 1870, which Dodson, Willey and Harrison obtained from Samuel Hambleton 1849, 62/36.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 36

FROM: Samuel Hambleton PRICE: \$100

TO: Robert A. Dodson, Edward Willey, and Oliver Harrison\*

NOTES \*Trustees of School District No. 9, Election District No. 2.

"All that parcel of land adjoining the property of Jeremiah Harrison in the Town of St. Michaels, part of the farm on which said Hambleton now resides and which he bought of Robert Rolle Richardson in the year 1812."

The description which follows the above is the same as that of 1871, 77/71.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 240

FROM: Robert Rolle Richardson PRICE: \$2808

TO: Samuel Hambleton

NOTES This is where "Purser" Samuel Hambleton of the Battle of Lake Erie buys parts of "The Beach", "Davenport", "Elliott's Lot", and "Stopper" - a total of 175 acres - that he afterward called "Perry Cabin Farm".









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THOMAS CAREY HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

West elevation

1/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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